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Docket No. HUANG04
US App. No. 10/537,841

REMARKS**Status of the Application**

Claims 1-7 were previously pending, of which:

Claims 2 and 3 were objected to for informalities.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner is thanked for indicating that claims 1-7 would be allowable if amended to overcome the above objections and rejections.

Applicant has amended claims 1, 3 and 7, and canceled claim 2. No new matter adds through the amendments. For the reasons discussed below, withdrawal of the objections and rejections is requested.

Claim Objections

Claims 2 and 3 were objected to for informalities.

Applicant has amended claim 3 to correct the informalities. Claim 2 is canceled.

Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. More particularly, the term "anion silicate softener" recited in the amended claims 1 and 7 is rejected as being a new matter, and the term "ambient temperature and pressure" recited in the amended claim 3 is rejected as being a new matter.

Applicant still believes that the corresponding Chinese term as used in the PTC specification has the meaning of "anion silicate softener". But, in the amendment, the term "anion silicate softener" has been replaced by "anion silicic acid softener".

Applicant has also amended claim 3 to delete the term "ambient temperature and pressure". The term "normal temperature and pressure" as original used in the specification and the claims generally indicates a natural condition where no heating or cooling is provided and no pressure or vacuum is applied.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

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Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

To answer the Examiner's question, the term "anion silicic acid softener" means that anion silicic acid is used as softener. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 7 to remove the word "softener" from the phrase "anion silicic acid softener".

Claim 2 has canceled.

Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

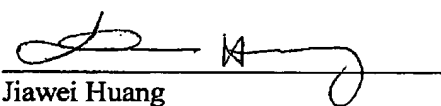
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1, 3-7 are now in condition for allowance. Allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted
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